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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA MUTE ON WHO IPR ISSUES

REF: A. SECSTATE 144926

[1](#)B. MANAGUA 2086
[1](#)C. SECSTATE 121503

[1](#)1. (SBU) On October 30, Econoff delivered Ref A demarche, on Brazilian efforts to weaken intellectual property protections for pharmaceuticals through World Health Organization fora, to Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Development (MIFIC) Director General for International Trade Sonia Somarriba. She was unable to provide a substantive response, but promised to study the issue. She explained that the MIFIC official who covers World Trade Organization issues had recently left the ministry and that for intellectual property rights she has no permanent staff. Somarriba reported that Nicaragua's mission in Geneva would represent Nicaragua in the upcoming Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property (IGWG).

[1](#)2. (SBU) In a follow-up conversation on November 6, Somarriba said the issue was still being studied. In response to a related demarche delivered on September 6 (Ref C), MIFIC officials said that the best we could hope for is that Nicaragua would remain silent on this issue (Ref A).

[1](#)3. (SBU) As requested in Ref A, post has forwarded this information by email to Tanuja Garde at USTR.
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